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DEVELOPMENT OF RING RAILWAY SERVICE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make the Ring Rail Service in Delhi more systematic and efficient with a view to improve the environment and also to reduce the heavy traffic load on the roads in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for the development of Ring Rail Service in Delhi and achievements made in this regard during the last three years;

(d) the number of persons benefited by Ring Rail Service in Delhi, year-wise;

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government for development of Ring Rail Service; and

(f) the details of the effective steps being taken to make Ring Rail Service more effective?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Ring Rail was initially developed as goods avoiding line for carrying freight traffic by-passing passenger terminals at Delhi and New Delhi station. At present 13 services, each of 10 coaches are running on Delhi Circular Railway in morning (6.55 to 11.00 hrs.) and evening (16.55 to 20.45 hrs.). Presently, these trains are not fully patronised. One of the reason is the geography of Delhi which does not permit the existing ring railway to cover major business and residential centers. As such there is no proposal to introduce additional circular trains on the pattern of local trains in Mumbai. Running of additional trains on Ring route is not feasible due to following reasons:

(i) Ring Railway system in Delhi touches very few business centers and office complexes.

(ii) The Railway stations are not connected by adequate feeder bus services.

(iii) Some of the bus routes compete with EMU services.

(iv) Non-availability of common ticketing.

(c) Nil

(d)

Year	No. of passenger benefited
2001-02	1610450
2002-03	1730280
2003-04	1666801

(e) & (f) For this purpose, a committee has been constituted comprising representatives from Delhi State Govt. and Northern Railway to examine and suggest measures to improve the services on Ring Railway in Delhi area. Ring Railway offers a seating capacity of about 15,000 but has a very low patronisation of about 30 to 40% as stations do not have proper bus connectivity with nearby

localities and people in Delhi prefer to use a single mode of transport. The responsibility of arranging feeder bus services lies with State Govt.